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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 11 October 1996

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of he whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Angola (S/1996/827, S/1996/832 and S/1996/844)*

Other matters

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* With a view to a formal meeting.

MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	1337th (closed) meeting	Conference Room 9

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

10 a.m.	31st PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Organization of work of the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: second report of the General Committee (A/51/250/Add.1) [8].

2. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization: report of the Secretary-General (A/51/1) [10].

3 p.m.	32nd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization: report of the Secretary-General (A/51/1) [10].

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	6th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara [126]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.5/51/L.4

2. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia [133]

   Action on draft decision A/C.5/51/L.2

3. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia [135]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.5/51/L.3

4. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [119] (A/50/11/Add.2)

   Continuation of general discussion

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

[Drafting Committee on the Convention on the Law of the Non-navigational Uses of International Watercourses (3rd and 4th meetings)]

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

9.30 a.m.	1st meeting	Conference Room 8

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WORKING GROUP ON THE FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Board of Auditors

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Ad Hoc Informal Open-ended Support Group established by the Economic and Social Council to assist the Commission for Social Development in the preparations for the International Year of Older Persons in 1999 will convene an organizational meeting *today*, 11 October 1996, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA

The fourth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Fund for Population will be held *today*, 11 October 1996, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 11 October 1996

ARAB GROUP

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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Briefings

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) will hold an informal briefing for interested delegations *today*, 11 October 1996, at 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room 5, to discuss the role of UNEP in the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and the results of the GEF Council Meeting held in Washington D.C. from 7 to 10 October 1996. The Executive Director of UNEP's GEF Unit in Nairobi, Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaf, will be present.

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The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) will hold an informal briefing for delegations *today*, 11 October 1996, from 2 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7, to discuss the report of the Secretary-General on the progress at mid-decade on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 45/217 on the World Summit for Children (A/51/256), which will be considered by the General Assembly under agenda items 98 (Operational activities for development) and 106 (Promotion and protection of the rights of children).

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "Nuclar disarmament" *today*, 11 October 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room A.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 14 October 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

10 a.m. 33rd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Election to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: election of twenty members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination: note by the Secretary-General (A/51/269) [17 (b)].

2. Operational activities for development: report of the Secretary-General on the progress at mid-decade on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 45/217 on the World Summit for Children (A/51/256) [98].

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	3rd meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 1

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	19th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	20th meeting	

[Working of the Whole on the Convention on the Law of the Non-navigational Uses of International Watercourses (8th and 9th meetings)]

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	

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FIRST COMMITTEE

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items, which is scheduled to begin on Monday, 14 October 1996, at 10 a.m., are kindly requested to notify the secretariat of the First Committee (room S-3170E, tel.: 963-4272).

The First Committee will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, 15 October 1996, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4, in order to consider Programme 1 of the "Medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001" as set out in document A/51/6.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate, which is scheduled to begin on Monday, 14 October 1996, at 3 p.m., as well as for the debates on all other items allocated to the Second Committee, beginning on Thursday, 17 October 1996, at 3 p.m., are requested to contact the secretariat of the Second Committee (Ms. Nicole Pouilleul, tel.: 212-963-5700, fax: 212-963-5935).

Informal meeting of the Second Committee

There will be a Panel Discussion entitled "Global Economic Trends: Some Issues" on Monday, 14 October 1996, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

The Panel will be moderated by Mr. Jean-Claude Milleron, Under-Secretary General for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis. Panelists will be Mr. John Williamson, Senior Fellow at the Institute for International Economics in Washington and Currently Chief Economist in the Office of the Vice-President for South Asia region at the World Bank; Mr. Arjun Sengupta, formerly India's Ambassador to the European Union and Executive Director for Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Sri Lanka of the International Monetary Fund, Washington, currently a Member of the Planning Commission of India; and Mr. Jean Pisani-Ferry, former adviser to the Director-General for Economic and Financial Affairs in the European Commission, currently Director at the Centre d'Études Prospectives et d'Informations Internationales (CEPII) in Paris.

Introductory remarks by the Panelists will be followed by a question-and-answer session.

The meeting will be open to all delegations, media representatives, representatives of non-governmental organizations and members of the United Nations system.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for all items allocated to the Third Committee are open for inscription by delegations. The Committee will begin its substantive work on Monday, 14 October 1996, at 3 p.m. sharp, with agenda item 100 (Social development). Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee (Ms. Kate Starr Newell, tel.: 212-963-4248, fax: 212-963-5935).

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SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its 6th meeting on Wednesday, 16 October 1996, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4, to begin consideration of agenda items 82 (Effects of atomic radiation) and 93 (Question of the composition of the relevant organs of the United Nations).

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to agenda items 82 and 93 are kindly requested to notify the Secretariat (room S-3380, tel. 963-9223).

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The Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations will meet on Monday, 21 October 1996, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

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There will be a meeting of the States Parties to the Non-Proliferation Treaty on Friday, 18 October 1996, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session of 1996

The next meetings of the resumed substantive session of 1996 of the Economic and Social Council will be convened from 13 to 14 November 1996. The provisional agenda for the resumed session is contained in document E/1996/93. The following items will be taken up as follows:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [1] (E/1996/93)

   Selection of themes for the High-level and Coordination segments for the 1997 substantive session of the Council (E/1996/103)

2. Economic and environmental questions: reports of subsidiary bodies, conferences and related questions: follow-up to General Assembly resolution 50/106: business and development [6 (l)] (E/1996/99, E/1996/L.26)

3. Coordination questions: reports of the coordination bodies [9 (a)] (E/1996/18 and Add.1)

4. Non-governmental organizations [10] (E/1996/102)*

5. Programme and related questions in the economic, social and related fields [11] (A/51/16 (Part II))

6. Implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/227: "Further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields" [13] (E/1996/CRP.3/Rev.1 and CRP.5)

7. Elections [14] (E/1996/95 and Corr.1, E/1996/L.15/Add. 2)

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* To be issued.

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Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA

An informal consultation on the UNFPA information and communication strategy will be held on Thursday, 17 October 1996, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Members of delegations and accredited non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Informal meetings

The Chairman of the Commission for Social Development will conduct an open-ended informal briefing for Member States on the work of the Commission on Wednesday, 16 October 1996, at 2 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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There will be an informal meeting of the Signatories of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty on Wednesday, 16 October 1996, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 4. All States Signatories are requested to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) wishes to inform all permanent missions, observers, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations that all relevant and important documents of the World Food Summit can be found on the FAO Web site at: http://www.fao.org or gopher.fao.org.

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Announcement

The Presidency of the Security Council will conduct an informal briefing on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council at *3 p.m.*, on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the month of October, except on those days when no consultations of the whole of the Council are scheduled.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 10 October 1996

SECURITY COUNCIL

3701st meeting

The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina, at his request, to participate in the discussion without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/1996/41).

3702nd meeting

The situation in Angola

Progress report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Angola Verification Mission (UNAVEM III) (S/1996/827)

Letter dated 7 October 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Zimbabwe to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1996/832)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Algeria, Angola, Brazil, Burundi, Cape Verde, Costa Rica, Cuba, India, Ireland (on behalf of member States of the European Union and Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Malta, Romania and Slovenia), Lesotho, Malaysia, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Portugal, Tunisia, Zambia and Zimbabwe, at their request, to participate in the discussion without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard statements by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Zimbabwe, Angola, Mozambique and Botswana.

The Council also heard statements by the representatives of the United States, China, Indonesia, Italy, Guinea-Bissau, Germany, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, Egypt, France, Chile and Poland, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Honduras.

The meeting was suspended.

Upon the resumption of the meeting, the Council heard statements by the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Portugal, the representatives of Nigeria, Zambia, Tunisia, Ireland, India, Malaysia, Algeria, Brazil and Cape Verde, the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica and the representatives of Malawi, Nicaragua, Burundi, Cuba, Mali and Lesotho.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

29th plenary meeting

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard a statement by H.E. Mr. Evariste Marson, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Madagascar.

Address by His Excellency Mr. Alhaji Ahmad Tejan Kabbah, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone

His Excellency Mr. Alhaji Ahmad Tejan Kabbah, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

His Excellency The Right Honourable Sibusiso Barnabas Dlamini, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Swaziland, addressed the General Assembly.

His Excellency The Honourable Navinchandra Ramgoolam, Prime Minister of the Republic of Mauritius, addressed the General Assembly.

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Ugyen Tshering, Chairman of the Delegation of Bhutan, H.E. Mr. Simon Paul Richards, Chairman of the Delegation of Dominica, and H.E. Mr. Henry Koba, Chairman of the Delegation of the Central African Republic.

30th plenary meeting

Conclusion of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Jean Ravou-Akii, Chairman of the Delegation of Vanuatu, and H.E. Mr. Amnuay Viravan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Thailand.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Burundi, Fiji, Turkey, Greece and Cyprus.

The President made a statement.

Programme of work

The President informed the General Assembly of changes and additions to the programme of work of the General Assembly.

The consideration of agenda item 36 (International assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Nicaragua: aftermath of the war and natural disasters) originally scheduled as the second item for Monday, 14 October in the morning, was postponed to a later date, to be announced.

On Monday, 14 October, as the second item, the Assembly would begin consideration of agenda item 98 (Operational activities for development) and take up, under the agenda item, the report of the Secretary-General on the progress at mid-decade on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 45/217 on the World Summit for Children (A/51/256), for the purpose of hearing a statement by the Secretary-General. The speakers for agenda item 98 would be heard on Tuesday, 15 October, in the morning, as the second item, as originally scheduled.

Agenda item 25 (Cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community) would be considered on Monday, 11 November in the morning, as the second item, instead of on Thursday, 24 October, as originally scheduled.

Agenda item 26 (Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization) would be taken up also on Monday, 11 November, in the morning, as the third item.

All the changes and additions announced since the issuance of document A/INF/51/3 would be incorporated into a revised version of the document, to be issued on Monday, 14 October.

The President further informed the Assembly that the voluntary contributions to the 1997 programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees would take place on Friday, 8 November, in the morning, instead of on Wednesday, 13 November, as originally scheduled.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 2nd meeting

Election of the Vice-Chairmen and the Rapporteur

The Chairman made a statement. By acclamation, the Committee elected H.E. Mr. André Mernier (Belgium), H.E. Mr. Andelfo J. Garcia (Colombia) as Vice-Chairmen and Mr. Onanga-Anyanga (Gabon) as Rapporteur.

Statements were made by the representatives of Germany, Mexico, Jordan, Mongolia, Belgium, Colombia, Gabon, Cuba and Brazil.

Organization of work

The Committee had before it a letter from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman, concerning the allocation of agenda items to the First Committee (A/C.1/51/1), and a document containing the programme of work and timetable (A/C.1/51/CRP.1).

The Committee adopted its programme of work and timetable contained in document A/C.1/51/CRP.1.

The Committee decided to select its 9th meeting, to be held on Friday, 18 October, at 3 p.m., for the issuance by the Secretariat, on an experimental basis, of an unedited transcript of that meeting for comparison with the usual records of the Committee.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 5th meeting

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [19]

Question of Western Sahara

On the basis of decisions taken at the 4th meeting, the Committee heard statements by Mr. Moustapha Bouh Bazarani (A/C.4/51/5/Add.6), Ms. Gajmoula Bent Ebbi (A/C.4/51/5/Add.8), Mr. El Houcine Bouida (A/C.4/51/5/Add.7), Mr. Bahir Dkill (A/C.4/51/5/Add.5) and Mr. Mohamed Bahi (A/C.4/51/5/Add.4).

The representative of Algeria made a statement.

Agenda items 19 (chapters of the report of the Special Committee of 24 relating to specific Territories not already covered by other items), 88, 89, 90 and 12 and 91

The Committee decided, without objection, to include the delegations of Brazil and Mozambique in the list of speakers under agenda item 19.

The general debate concluded with statements by the representatives of Trinidad and Tobago (also on behalf of the 12 members of CARICOM which are members of the United Nations (Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Bahamas, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Suriname)), the Islamic Republic of Iran, Kenya, Pakistan, Cape Verde, Morocco, Bahrain, the United Republic of Tanzania, Uganda, Grenada, Zimbabwe, Bolivia (also on behalf of the the Rio Group (Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela)), Brazil and Mozambique.

The representative of the United Kingdom made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

Organization of work

The Chairman announced that on Wednesday, 16 October 1996, the Committee would begin its consideration of agenda item 82 (Effects of atomic radiation), to be followed by agenda item 93 (Question of the composition of the relevant organs of the United Nations). Delegations were urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers as soon as possible.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 18th meeting

Working Group of the Whole on the Convention on the Law of the Non-navigational Uses of International Watercourses (7th meeting)

Statements were made by the representatives of Ethiopia, Turkey, Hungary, France, Portugal, Bangladesh, Pakistan, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, the United Kingdom, Egypt, Viet Nam, Italy and Greece.

The Expert consultant spoke.

The Working Group decided to refer to the Drafting Committee draft articles 1, 3 and 4.

The Chairman made a statement.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session of 1996

53rd meeting

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [1]

The Council adopted its agenda for the resumed session, as contained in document E/1996/93.

Social, humanitarian and human rights questions: reports of subsidiary bodies, conferences and related questions: human rights questions [5 (d)]

The Council resumed consideration of the item.

Draft decision E/1996/L.53

The Vice-President of the Council, Karel Kovanda (Czech Republic) introduced the draft decision, which he had submitted as a result of informal consultations held on the item.

The representative of Costa Rica made a statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

The Council agreed to waive rule 54 of the rules of procedure and take action on the draft decision, which was then adopted.

The Council thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 5 (d).

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations [10]

The Council resumed consideration of the item.

Draft decision contained in the report of the Committee on Non-governmental Organizations (E/1996/102/Add.1 and Corr.1)

The representative of Canada made a correction to (document E/1996/102/Add.1/Corr.1).

Following a statement by the representative of the United States, the Council adopted the draft decision, as orally corrected.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom and Ireland as well as by the observer for Peru.

The Council thus concluded its work for the first part of the resumed session.

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Thirteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 10 OCTOBER 1996

341st and 342nd (closed) meetings

Methods of work of the Committee, including guidelines for periodic reports [8]

The Committee considered the item.

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee considered the item.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendments to articles 16, 17 and 19 (b) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization, adopted on 4 November 1993

Acceptance: Madagascar (9 October 1996)*

Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, adopted on 4 August 1995 by the United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

Signature: Uganda (10 October 1996)

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 10 September 1996

Signature : Grenada (10 October 1996)

Ratification: Fiji (10 October 1996)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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